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*State Senator Michelle A. McManus*

**New legislation ensures there's room for everyone on Michigan roads**

Legislation I introduced this week allows everyone to enjoy Michigan roads, no matter their choice of transportation. Senate Bills 1224 and 1225, sponsored by myself and Sen. Tom George, would establish fair and concise guidelines for bicyclists to safely use Michigan roads. Such guidelines would make Michigan roadways more bicycle-friendly by defining where and how bicyclists can ride on Michigan roadways and establishing that bicyclists legally riding on Michigan sidewalks have the same rights as pedestrians. I believe everyone should be able to share Michigan roadways, and this bill allows for that to occur by establishing clear, commonsense guidelines for bicyclists to follow when riding on Michigan roads. The bills were referred to the Senate Committee on Transportation.

**April is Michigan Wine Month**

This month, we celebrate Michigan wines, and thanks to a new state law, Michigan wineries and consumers have even more to toast in 2006. Just last month, the Michigan Liquor Control Commission issued its final rule on permits for shipping wine directly to Michigan consumers, the last step to implementing Michigan's new direct shipping law. As the sponsor of this law, I am proud to see the final steps completed so both in-state and out-of state wineries can start applying for permits and shipping wine to Michigan consumers.

Michigan's wine industry has been recognized with numerous awards and accolades both nationally and internationally. In fact, two Michigan wineries, Shady Lane Cellars and St. Julian, received "Best in Class" honors at the recent San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition, the largest judging in the country featuring American wines only. When they're not winning awards for their product, Michigan's more than 40 wineries are helping improve Michigan's economy and our quality of life. As a vibrant and growing economic force in our state, the wine industry provides jobs to our residents, attracts tourists and preserves the beautiful open spaces that make Michigan such a scenic paradise.

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